

**Historic Preservation Committee of the
Capitol Hill Restoration Society
1227 E Street, SE HPA 22-030**

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Owner/builder William R. Shelton constructed this two-story brick house in 1915. It is a contributing building. The Historic Preservation Committee reviewed the plans dated November 4, 2021. The applicant proposes to build a two-story rear addition and new two-story garage. The design and materials are appropriate.

However, applicant proposes to enclose the dogleg. On the blockface including 1227 E Street, SE doglegs remain on 13 of the 16 rowhouses where doglegs existed, i.e., approximately 81 percent of the original doglegs are intact. Thus, this row of doglegs is substantially intact. Figure 1. Doglegs are character-defining features of Capitol Hill rowhouses. The Board has protected intact rows from infilling and should do so again in this case. See 316 G Street, NE, (HPA 17-227), 1355 A Street, NE (HPA 19-608) and in November, 2021, 626 Lexington Place, NE, HPA 21-555). We urge the Board to protect the dogleg in this case.

Neighbors' views are important and we would appreciate learning their reaction to the project.

The Historic Preservation Committee expresses no opinion on zoning issues.

We believe that because the applicant proposes to infill a dogleg in a substantially intact row of doglegs, this project is not compatible with the Capitol Hill Historic District.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Beth Purcell, Chair

Figure 1. Source; Historyquest. 1227 E Street SE, Square 1019. Blue arrow points to 1227 E Street, SE (orange). The condominium building (yellow), circled in black, was constructed in 2019, replacing the detached shotgun house at 1229 E Street, SE and the empty lot at 1231 E Street. HPA 16-441. Thus, there were never doglegs at these addresses. See also 2004 photograph of 1229 E Street, SE on OP's Propertyquest.

